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Honorable Glenn English
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government
Information, Justice, and Agriculture
Committee on Government Operations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. English:

This letter responds to your concern about the national security classification of a General Accounting Office report entitled, "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America," GGD-75-80. Following the receipt of your letter, I initiated an inquiry into the circumstances of the report's classification, automatic declassification and reclassification. I received excellent cooperation and support from the General Accounting Office and the executive branch agencies involved in the report's classification.

My inquiry into this matter is complete and I am pleased to inform you that the report has been declassified in its entirety. I enclose a copy of my letter, with attachments, to Arthur Klekner, Director of Security and Safety at the General Accounting Office, informing him of this decision and requesting that he also notify all holders of the report of its declassification.

Please note that the Drug Enforcement Administration is currently considering a Freedom of Information request for access to the report. Since the Freedom of Information Act exemptions other than 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) do not relate to the provisions of Executive Order 12356, I will not be involved in the decision-making process of this issue.

Once again, I appreciate your bringing this matter to my attention. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

Enclosures

cc: Harry E. Fitzwater



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May 27, 1983

Mr. Arthur A. Klekner
Director
Office of Security and Safety
U. S. General Accounting Office
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Klekner:

On February 15, 1983, I met with you to discuss the circumstances surrounding the reclassification of the General Accounting Office (GAO) report entitled, "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America," GGD-75-80. Since that meeting, I have met with representatives from the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and the Department of State (State). As a result of these meetings and a re-review of the report by these agencies, the reclassification issue has been resolved in favor of declassification. I enclose copies of each agency's letter relating this decision, including the cover page of the report, as physically marked for declassification by the Honorable Frances M. Mullen, Jr., Acting Administrator of DEA.

Please note that DEA has forwarded the report to its Freedom of Information unit for review and processing of the request referred to it by GAO, in order that it may consider the applicability of exemptions other than security classification that may restrict access to portions of the report. DEA has requested that the report not be released until its FOIA processing has been completed.

I am also enclosing the copy of the report that you loaned to this office. We have marked the report to reflect its declassification. Please take the necessary steps to notify all current holders of the report that it is declassified as of May 17, 1983.

I very much appreciate the excellent cooperation of you and your staff during our inquiry into the classification of the report. If you have any questions, please call me on 535-7251.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Garfinkel".

STEVEN GARFINKEL
Director

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Washington, D.C. 20537

MAY 20 1983

Mr. Steven Garfinkel
Director, Information Security
Oversight Office
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

The Drug Enforcement Administration has reviewed again the classified material contained in the GAO report "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin from and through South America," dated May 30, 1975. Pursuant to this review, the report was declassified by the Administrator, DEA, on May 17, 1983, and forwarded to our FOI Unit for review and processing for other exemptions. Although the report is now declassified, it should not be released to either the requestor or the general public until the FOIA process has been completed.

Requests for additional information or questions should be directed to Ms. Diane Wright of my staff on 272-6382. Thank you for your patience throughout this matter.

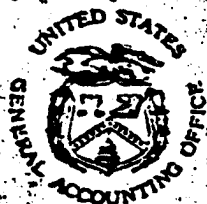
Sincerely yours,

David W. Johnson
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Planning and Evaluation

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REPORT TO THE CONGRESS

~~THIS REPORT WAS REVIEWED FOR DECLASSIFICATION ON
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~~RECLASSIFIED BY ADMINISTRATOR, DEA, ON 11/2/82 UNDER
THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 1.6a, E.O. 12356. DECLASSIFY
ON MAY 15, 1986.~~

Problems In Slowing The Flow Of Cocaine And Heroin From And Through South America

Drug Enforcement Administration
Department of Justice

Department of State

Central Intelligence Agency

~~CLASSIFIED BY DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXEMPT FROM DECLASSIFICATION
SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652
EXEMPTION CATEGORY (2)
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BY THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
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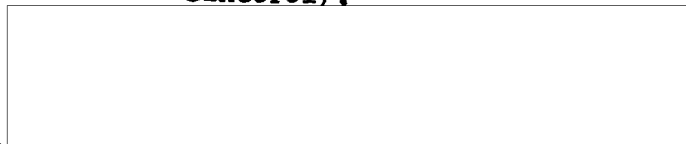
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Mr. Steven Garfinkel
Director, Information Security
Oversight Office
General Services Administration
18th & F Streets, N.W.
Washington, DC 20405

Steve
Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

Pursuant to discussions with you and your staff, we have reviewed the General Accounting Office document GGD-75-80 and agree to its continued declassification. This decision was made in light of the unusual nature of the document and the circumstances surrounding its original classification and subsequent automatic declassification after six years. The assistance and guidance provided by your office in this matter are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Director of Information Services
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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Mr. Steven Garfinkel, Director
Information Security Oversight Office
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

MAR 23 1983

Dear Mr. Garfinkel:

I refer to your request for classification review of GAO Report GGD-75-80, entitled "Problems in Slowing the Flow of Cocaine and Heroin From and Through South America".

It is evident that there was confusion in the original classification of this document. It is marked for exemption from the applicable GDS schedule (under EO 11652), and indicates Exemption Category (2) as the basis. That category related, in relevant part, to information disclosing intelligence sources or methods. Section 5 (B) of EO 11652 made it clear that exemption from the GDS contemplated, and was only required for, a longer period of classification than was provided under GDS. Yet this document is also marked with a declassification date (May 15, 1980) earlier than the six years set by the GDS.

In these circumstances it appears most useful, and appropriate under Section 1.4 (a) of EO 12356, to have the document carefully reviewed to determine whether it contains information now subject to classification. The exemption category suggests that such information would probably be in the intelligence area. In view of the responsibility for review of information in that area assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence by Section 3.4 (e) of EO 12356, the Department defers to CIA for the review. We are aware that they have also been asked to review it.

The Department is the "originating agency" of the document only in the sense of having taken the original classifying action, apparently at GAO's request, and having contributed some of the information for the GAO study. If it is determined that action is needed to extend or correct the original classification, we would be prepared to assist as appropriate under EO 12356.

Sincerely,

John R. Burke
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Classification/Declassification
Center
Bureau of Administration